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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT: Agenda for EIC Meeting 30 July

1. At the present time the only specific agenda item for the meeting on 30 July is the discussion and approval of the draft Annual Report to the USIB. The following paragraphs will present brief descriptions of other items which might be added to the agenda at your discretion.

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2. EIC Review of Subcommittee Activities. - About 12 months have passed since the EIC completed its round of Subcommittee reviews and about 24 to 30 months have passed since this program was originally initiated. There is a general feeling that this EIC review was helpful to most of the subcommittees and it might be appropriate to discuss with the EIC a proposal to undertake another round of subcommittee review. I would suggest that if the EIC were to undertake such a program that a schedule of three subcommittees per month (i.e., per meeting) would permit the job to be done in about six months.

OK for discussion - would be an improvement of review of annual report anyway  
3. EIC Review of External Research Contracts. - There is a general feeling in the Secretariat, shared by [redacted] and yourself so far as I know, that the EIC is not receiving from the member agencies as many external contracts for review as would be appropriate under a strict interpretation of DCID 3/1. This allegation is difficult to prove, and even if proven is even more difficult to force compliance with, since the member agencies need merely indicate that a given external contract is "not primarily economic" in order to excuse the contract from EIC review. A frank discussion of this problem at an EIC meeting might generate some useful responses. At the minimum, it could indicate to the member agencies concern over the problem. 25X1A9a

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4. EIC Review of Non-Bloc Economic Research. - As we have discussed earlier, the EIC charter in DCID 3/1 includes all foreign economic intelligence and, as such, EIC review of economic intelligence on non-Bloc areas (over and above the material produced by the Working Group on Sino-Soviet Activities in Underdeveloped Areas) would be in order. I suspect that the conclusion we have already reached--namely that State would resist such a program--is probably valid but again, some discussion of the problem at an EIC meeting might be useful.

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5. Report of the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Communications Vulnerability to the Soviets. - The SIC Ad Hoc Working Group is meeting on 24 July to prepare a draft terms of reference for the USIB study. A report by [REDACTED] to the EIC on these draft terms of reference and EIC discussion and approval of the terms of reference may be a valid agenda item for the meeting.

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6. Pre-publication Review Program. - We have already discussed ORR participation in such a program. Discussion of the program upon an EIC-wide basis would be useful at this point. I do not believe we want to commit ORR to any specific list of projects, but would rather indicate simply an intent to submit "appropriate" ORR reports for review.

? what can be said to constructive guidance?

7. Subcommittee Annual Reports. - The Subcommittee Annual Reports will be disseminated to the EIC representatives on 22 or 23 July. It might be appropriate to invite all Subcommittee Chairmen to the EIC meeting on 30 July and ask them to be prepared to respond to comments or questions on their reports which may be raised by the various EIC representatives.

only recommend not chairmen

8. Subcommittee Name Change. - The EIC Subcommittee on Requirements and Facilities for Collation has requested, in its Annual Report, that the EIC take formal recognition of the fact that its primary responsibilities are on the subject of intelligence requirements and has asked, therefore, that it be known as the EIC Subcommittee on Requirements. This change could well be accomplished by interim action; it could equally well serve as a filler for the EIC meeting.

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9. War Planning. - The EIC is under a directive from the USIB to undertake certain war planning activities. At this point there is probably an option available to the EIC. It can report back to the USIB that the emergency planning contained in EIC-D-346 is considered by the EIC to meet the request of the USIB, or it can direct the EIC Ad Hoc War Planning Working Group to reconvene and submit to the EIC a revision of EIC-D-346 in compliance with the USIB request. I believe the first alternative should be put forward for EIC comment.

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also problem of OPAL

10. Personnel Inventory. - I have forwarded to you under separate cover a memorandum with respect to agency participation in the test of the Procedure for an Inventory of Economic Intelligence Personnel at Relocation Sites. Discussion along the lines reflected in my memorandum might be scheduled for the agenda of the 30 July meeting.

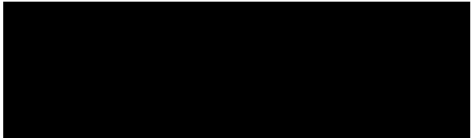
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11. The request for contributions to the Annual Report to the NSC has just been received in the Secretariat. EIC review and approval of a draft report should be scheduled on--or before-- 30 July. *1 right.*

12. May I suggest that we meet and determine the agenda as soon as possible so that any necessary accompanying documents may be reproduced and disseminated with the agenda no later than Friday of this week. *y/s.*

  
Executive Secretary, EIC/S

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